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Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Proposed Abandonment of an Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from M.P. 318.36 near Hampton to the end of the Line at M.P. 294.75 at Allison, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 200X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received a request from the Iowa Trails Council dated September 15, 2006 for an additional 180-day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. §1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Eastern Portion of the Bristow Subdivision from Milepost 318.36 near Hampton, Iowa to the end of the Line at Milepost 294.75 at Allison, Iowa, a distance of 23.61 miles in Franklin and Butler Counties, Iowa. The Union Pacific is willing to continue negotiating with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the subject property for trail use and supports the Council's request for an additional 180-day extension in which to negotiate. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

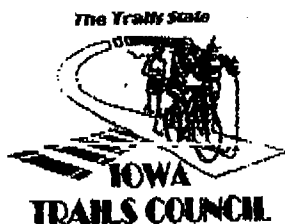
Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

cc: Iowa Trails Council

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September 15, 2006

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Reference to AB 33 (Sub No. 200 X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are requesting an additional 180 days in which to continue our negotiations to acquire the Union Pacific railroad corridor between milepost 318.36 near Hampton and milepost 294.75 near Allison in Iowa's Franklin and Butler counties.

Negotiations are continuing with the railroad and the railroad has verbally agreed to pursue the acquisition of this right-of-way for conversion to a trail. We are sending a copy of this letter to the Union Pacific Railroad offices in Chicago and Omaha, asking them to forward this agreement to continue these negotiations in writing to you.

We are mailing ten copies of this request to your office.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan